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Quand Ladybug s'approche de Chat Noir, il s'éloigne d'elle. Quand Adrien s'approche de Marinette, elle s'éloigne de lui. Tikki et Alya observent les mouvements de Marinette avec de plus en plus d'inquiétude : leur amie est-elle encore en train de chercher une excuse pour fuir ses sentiments pour Adrien ou bien est-elle en train de tomber amoureuse d'un autre garçon ? Quand nos héros croisent la route d'André le glacier - dont les glaces sont censées connaître et révéler les mystères de l'amour - Marinette et Chat Noir vont voir leur cœur se geler tant ce qu'ils vont découvrir est glaçant !

When Ladybug chases after Cat Noir, he runs away from her. When Adrien chases after Marinette, she runs away from him. Tikki and Alya grow increasingly concerned as they watch Marinette's moves: is their friend looking for yet another excuse to run away from her feelings for Adrien, or is she really falling for another boy? When they cross paths with Andre the ice-cream maker - whose ice cream is supposed to know and reveal the mysteries of love - Marinette and Cat Noir make a chilling discovery that will freeze their hearts!

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1 **EXT. PARIS ROOFTOP - DAY**

Our heroes complete a mission with their traditional:

1 LADYBUG / CAT NOIR
Pound it!

Cat Noir stretches like a big cat.

2 CAT NOIR
A job well done, m'Lady! We really make an amazing team! Alright, *cat*'ch ya later!

As he extends his staff, Ladybug holds him back by his tail- bet...

3 LADYBUG
Wait!

...and pulls a table from behind a chimney stack, laid for two, with a tablecloth, candelabra, a flask of hot chocolate and a bag of pastries...

4 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Ta-daaaa! Express snack service *just for two*! Extra rich hot cocoa, just the way you like it, and chouquettes from the Dupain Cheng Bakery! Such a successful mission calls for a celebration, right?

5 CAT NOIR
(puzzled)
That's very sweet but... we don't have time right now. I'm gonna transform back in a minute.

6 LADYBUG
(with a charming smile)
A minute can last an eternity when you're with the right person!

Cat Noir watches his ring; it's flashing.

7 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Let's at least kiss before we say goodbye!

Ladybug gets closer to him and kisses him on the cheek once, then twice, then thrice, then -- he takes a step back.

8 CAT NOIR
What are you doing?

9 LADYBUG
I always kiss four times! Come to think of it, actually, four's a little stingy – how about eight?

Ladybug comes closer again, Cat Noir steps back and suddenly he "gets it". His face lights up.

10 CAT NOIR
Aaaaah! I know what you're trying to do, and it's not gonna work, M'Lady! I'm not buying it! We're partners, and friends! Partners are partners and friends are friends!

Ladybug's smile fades.

11 LADYBUG
Wait, what's up with you? You have a new girlfriend or something?

A beat - Cat Noir bursts out laughing.

12 CAT NOIR
Haha! You're testing me! I know the rule: *we're superheroes and we must protect our secret identities!* Could I tell you if I had a girlfriend? *No! Cause the less we know about each other, the harder it is for Monarch to win!*
(A beat)
So, how did I do? Did I pass the test?

13 LADYBUG
(Bitter)
With flying colors.

Without realizing he's hurt her, Cat Noir leaves happily....

14 CAT NOIR
Right! See ya later! (then, as he disappears) You almost got me!

Ladybug drops to the ground, in the shelter of a chimney.

15 LADYBUG
Spots off.

Now back as Marinette, our heroine sadly pulls out a macaron for Tikki. The kwami can see how sad she is but doesn't know what to say. They exchange gloomy smiles and Tikki nibbles the macaroon in silence.

2 **EXT. ALLEY - DAY**

Cat Noir lands in an alleyway to transform back. But just as he's about to do so, a fan (1) turns up!

16 FAN 1
Cat Noir! Can I do a selfie with you?!

17 CAT NOIR
Uh... yes, of course!

The young fan stands next to him and, for the shot, she gives him a kiss on the cheek. Once the picture is taken, Cat Noir is about to move away but...

18 FAN 1
Hey! Guys! He's here!

More fans flock in – Cat Noir's stuck.

19 OTHER FANS
Cat Noir! (...) Awesome! (...) I want a selfie too! (...) Me too! I love you! (...) And an autograph! We all stand with you against Monarch!

Cat Noir finds himself posing with lots of fans, including a girl who tells him:

20 FAN 2
I'd love to go for a moonlit ride with you on your staff!

Meanwhile, Fan 1 makes a call with her Alliance.

21 FAN 1 (ON THE PHONE)
You'll never guess who we're with!

Cat Noir is overwhelmed - and his Miraculous is flashing! He has no choice: he pulls away and escapes with his staff.

22 CAT NOIR
Sorry! Gotta run!

Cat Noir uses his telescopic staff to find refuge on a building rooftop. He hides, transforms back and gives a portion of Camembert to Plagg.

23 ADRIEN
Phew, that was close.

24 PLAGG
Tell me about it, I almost starved to death!

From the rooftop, Adrien can see the Dupain Cheng Bakery.

25 ADRIEN
I'm hungry too.

3 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - EVENING**

Marinette is now with Tikki and Alya, in sleepover mode.

26 MARINETTE (FURIOUS)
Gaaaah! Why's he being so good lately?! Mister Purrr-fect kitty! Mister Hanging-on-to-his-secret! Mister Number-one-partner!

27 ALYA
Marinette, you were the one who asked Cat Noir to stop wooing you, giving you roses, telling you he loved you, asking you out to the movies...

28 MARINETTE
But I was only turning him down because he was such a persistent nag!

29 ALYA
And you were perfectly right to do so!

30 MARINETTE
But also because I didn't love him back!

31 ALYA
Another very good reason!

32 MARINETTE
Wait a minute! What if this is the same thing?! What if Cat Noir is declining all my invitations because...

33 ALYA (VENTURING A GUESS)
Because you're being a persistent nag?

34 MARINETTE
No! Because he... no longer loves me! Because he's no longer in love with me!

35 ALYA
You mean... you, as Ladybug!

Marinette plumps down on a chair, very upset.

36 ALYA (CONT'D)
You've said it yourself a hundred times! Cat Noir and Ladybug just can't work! You'd end up blabbing your secret identities to each other, Monarch would find out, and your Miraculous would go bye-bye!

Alya turns to Tikki to take her as a witness. The kwami nods, impressed (rightly so) by this brilliant summary.

37 MARINETTE (VENOMOUS)
Just because you couldn't keep your secret from Nino when you were both superheroes doesn't mean I can't do it with Cat Noir!

38 ALYA
Heeeey! WHO gave us both a Miraculous at the same time? And if you love a superhero, you're gonna wanna know who's behind the mask! How else are you supposed to live a legit love story?

Marinette gets to her feet. She starts pacing back and forth, increasingly annoyed. Getting all hot and bothered.

39 MARINETTE
Well, right now, I would take the mask! I could live with it, and I wouldn't care what's underneath!

40 ALYA
You're lying to yourself anyway. You're in love with *Adrien*.

41 MARINETTE
I'm not lying to myself! And I know exactly how I feel!

Alya points to the photos of Adrien everywhere on the wall.

42 ALYA
Right. Which explains the pics of Adrien plastered all over your wall.

Far from letting herself be softened, Marinette starts ripping off the photos.

43 MARINETTE
Things never worked out with Adrien! Knitting beanies! Planning his birthdays for the next 25 years! Kissy-kissy-hamster... yeah, right!
(MORE)

MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Adrien was more like kissy-kissy-nothing! What's so wrong with kissy-kissy-meow meow?!

Alya and Tikki remain silent in the face of so much determination.

4 **INT. DUPAIN CHENG BAKERY - EVENING**

Meanwhile, Adrien enters the bakery. He tries to look casual but... it's not working at all.

44 ADRIEN
Hello! I was wondering... uh... I was in the neighborhood and... uh... I thought... uh, haha... is Marinette here, please?

Seeing his behavior, Sabine (at the checkout) and Tom (a little behind) exchange a surprised glance.

45 SABINE
One moment, Adrien.

Sabine joins Tom for a sotto voce confab.

46 SABINE (CONT'D)
What's going on with him? Why's he acting weird?

TOM smiles broadly.

47 TOM
He's not acting weird! He's — in love!

48 SABINE
You think? With Marinette? That would be amazing. She's so head over heels for him.

49 TOM
Yes! It's wonderful! Plus, he quit modeling! They'd be able to take over the bakery, together. Wait, I'll go and tell her!

Tom is about to walk away but Sabine holds him back.

50 SABINE
Let me take care of it.

Sabine turns on her Alliance. Lila's hologram appears.

51 SABINE (CONT'D)
Please Alliance, call Marinette.

INSERT - Her arms loaded with the photos of Adrien which she's about to throw away, Marinette gets the call from her mom on her smartphone. She picks up.

52 MARINETTE
What? Who? Adrien?! No no no no tell him I'm busy!

BACK on Tom and Sabine, puzzled.

53 SABINE
But he's the boy you're...

54 MARINETTE (OFF, ALLIANCE)
... friends with at school! And this isn't school! So tell him... we can see each other at school!

She hangs up. Tom and Sabine exchange surprised looks, then look at Adrien waiting in the shop.

5 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - EVENING**

In the room, Alya is stunned.

55 ALYA
What are you doing, Marinette!? There's nothing complicated here, it's ADRIEN! He’s here and HE WANTS TO SEE YOU. So, listen to your heart and go!

56 MARINETTE
You aren't listening to *me*, Alya! We’re not talking about Adrien anymore. For once, we’re not talking about Adrien! I’m talking about Cat Noir!

Marinette suddenly pulls up a picture of Cat Noir on her smartphone and literally shoves it in Alya's face.

57 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Here! Look! That’s no kissy-kissy-hamster! That’s muscle! Humor! Pointy ears and a bell! And by the way, since you’re in charge of the Ladyblog, can you figure out how many love letters Cat Noir gets a day? Why should I be the only girl who’s not allowed to find him handsome?! No! That's it! I’m Marinette, just a normal girl with a normal life, and if I think Cat Noir is handsome, that’s my right. I know exactly how I feel!

Wooow! Tikki and Alya share an “O-kaaay...?" kind of look.

58 ALYA
Um... you wanna go outside and get some fresh air for a second? You look like you might need to cool down a little.

Marinette fans out, surprised by her own reaction.

59 MARINETTE
Yeah, you're right, it's hot in here.

6 **INT. DUPAIN CHENG BAKERY - EVENING**

Adrien is waiting in the shop when a customer steps inside.

60 CUSTOMER
Hey! I know you!

Adrien is about to answer politely when the customer cuts him off, showing his Alliance ring, equipped with Adrien's hologram.

61 CUSTOMER (CONT'D)
You're the Alliance guy! Can I take a picture with you? I've always wanted a selfie with my personal assistant!

The customer takes Adrien by the shoulder, takes a picture and immediately posts it online.

62 CUSTOMER (TO HIS RING) (CONT'D)
Awesome! My friends are gonna flip out when they see this! Please Alliance, post this picture on all my social media accounts!

63 ADRIEN
No, please, don't do--

Too late. Not only is the photo already published, but the customer has already left. Adrien then realizes that Tom and Sabine are back, looking awkward.

64 SABINE
Actually, Marinette's not available. She's... busy with Alya.

Adrien looks disappointed. Tom hands him a bag of chouquettes.

65 TOM
But here's a bag of chouquettes. On the house!

7 **EXT. DUPAIN-CHENG BAKERY - EVENING**

Adrien steps out of the bakery, dejected. Plagg discreetly pops his snout out of his pocket and whispers:

66 PLAGG
Mmh. You've got the pastries, but not the smile. You just wanted to see Marinette, didn't you?

Adrien smiles a dreamy smile as he takes out a chouquette and sniffs it, much to Plagg's disgust.

67 ADRIEN
Everything reminds me of her, Plagg. I can't help it (biting into the pastry). It's got to be nice, enjoying pastries with the girl you love...

Plagg goes back to hiding in his holder's shirt.

68 PLAGG
Yuk!

Just then:

69 WAYHEM (OFF, IN)
Hey! I told you so! It's Adrien! I recognized the place in the post!

Led by Wayhem (number one fan) who pulls up the picture the customer from earlier posted on his Alliance, a gaggle of Adrien fans show up.

70 FANS
Adrien!!! I love you! (...) A photo! (...) Can you sign my shirt? (...) is it true you quit modeling?! *

71 ADRIEN
(To himself)
Ah, not again!

Adrien runs away, hides in an alley and, making sure he's alone...

72 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
Plagg, claws out! *

8 **EXT. ROOFTOP / MARINETTE'S PATIO - EVENING**

Now transformed into Cat Noir, our hero takes refuge on a rooftop. We can hear the fans going by, looking for him...

73 FANS (OFF)
Adrien! (...) Aaaadrien!

Cat Noir dreamily eats his chouquettes while looking at Marinette's building.

74 CAT NOIR
Marinette. How I wish I could see her...

And then, as if by magic - she comes out onto her patio.

CUT TO - Marinette, still upset about her argument with Alya. She paces back and forth, annoyed, talking to herself.

75 MARINETTE
I like Cat Noir! (surprised herself, she repeats the name in different ways) Cat Noir. Cat Noir? Cat Noir... Cat... Noir...

And suddenly, she spots him on the rooftop across her building...

76 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
CAT NOIR?!?

Without even thinking, Marinette hides.
Insert on a surprised Cat Noir. What is she doing!?
Back on Marinette, hiding.

77 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
What am I doing!? This is crazy! I wanted to see him, and now he's here, and I'm running away from him! This is so ridiculous!

So she casually comes out of her hiding place, smiling the most relaxed smile she can muster.

Cat Noir sees her reappear. They look at each other, embarrassed, with comical faces: did we see each other? Did we not see each other? What do we do now?

Cat Noir is the first to act and wave a little hello. She answers him in turn with a little hi!

He leaps up happily, picking a flower from a balcony - and lands next to her, with a bow that brings him down on one knee.

78 CAT NOIR
Good evening, Marinette.

79 MARINETTE (FLUSTERED)
Oh, Cat Noir, I'm so mad-- uh, so bad... I wanted so bad to... I mean, I'm so glad to... see you!

80 CAT NOIR
Well yeah, I, uh, just happened to be in the neighborhood and I, uh, there you were – er, crazy to see you here!

81 MARINETTE
Well, uh, I do, uh live here... Hehe.

Amused, Cat Noir looks at her, bright-eyed:

82 CAT NOIR (MISCHIEVOUS)
Aaaaah, right! I completely forgot about that... I mean, not completely, cause the truth is, I actually think about you a lot...

He gives her the flower. Marinette takes it, looks at it, smells its scent...

83 MARINETTE
You think about me a lot?
(She puts the flower in her hair, then)
Well so do I!

Cat Noir is delighted. His green eyes are shining brighter and brighter.

84 CAT NOIR
Really? You think about me?

85 MARINETTE
Yeah, all the time! I mean, sometimes... you know... like a fan!

Cat Noir's a little surprised and embarrassed. But he gets closer, moving around Marinette like a dancer.

86 CAT NOIR
Oh? So, you’re kind of a fan of mine?

She plays along and follows each of his little cat leaps with her eyes.

87 MARINETTE
Not just “kind of”. I’m... I’m a huge fan, actually!

Cat Noir stops near her and locks his green eyes into hers.

88 CAT NOIR
Fan as in... fan? Or fan as in...
(deep, over-the-top voice)
...wanting to go on a ride with me *
under the stars?? *

89 MARINETTE (GULPS, THEN)
Totally! Moonlit rides are awesome!
Like going to... get some ice
cream?!

Cat Noir smiles, their faces are very close together.

90 CAT NOIR
It is hot out tonight.

91 MARINETTE
Very hot, yes.

Just for a while, Marinette comes to her senses.

92 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
But, I can't go for ice cream! I'm
in my pajamas!

Cat Noir motions that it's okay and invites her to hold on to him. He extends his staff and grabs Marinette by the waist. They leave the rooftop together.

9 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - NIGHT**

Back in the room, Alya is trying to calm down.

93 ALYA
Why am I getting angry? Marinette
is my BFF. If she wants to pursue
Cat Noir, that's her choice.
(to Tikki)
After all, I thought he was cute
too, at first! Hey maybe things
will turn out awesome between
them...

94 TIKKI
In just a few minutes, it's already
caused negative feelings between
you two. Can you imagine what it
could cause between them?

95 ALYA
Come on, Tikki, it wouldn't be the
end of the world!

96 TIKKI
Actually, Alya, it might be! The end of the world is exactly the kind of thing that could result from problems between the holders of the Miraculous of Creation and Destruction!

Alya thinks, pondering Tikki's words, wondering if she's being serious. Then she bursts out laughing.

97 ALYA
You're overreacting! Come on! Let's go tell her that we love her!

10 **EXT. MARINETTE'S PATIO - DAY**

Alya opens the trapdoor — and realizes that Marinette is gone! Tikki pulls an I told you so face.

98 ALYA
Hold on. You're here! Which means she can't have transformed into Ladybug!

Tikki pulls another face, this time meaning: Well, no...

99 ALYA (CONT'D)
Then... where's Marinette?

She whips out her smartphone.

11 **EXT. PARIS - SKY - NIGHT**

Marinette is with Cat Noir, on top of his staff. From up there, they can see all of Paris.

100 CAT NOIR
I don't see him! He's got to be here somewhere!

101 MARINETTE
I know how to find him. My friend Max has developed an app especially for locating him.

Marinette taps away on her phone; an app comes up and a ringing tone mimics "Andre the Ice-Cream Man's Song".

102 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
And... voilà! Andre the Ice-Cream Man is on the Ile aux Cygnes!

Just then, Alya calls. To preserve the magic of this romantic getaway, Marinette turns off her phone without Cat Noir seeing.

103 CAT NOIR
Hold on tight, Marinette.

They disappear over the rooftops.

INSERT (MARINETTE'S PATIO) - on Alya and Tikki:

104 ALYA
She's not picking up! Do you think she's angry?

12 **EXT. ILE AUX CYGNES - NIGHT**

Cat Noir and Marinette land on a giant parasol under which couples are dancing on a stage of the Ile aux Cygnes' open-air dance hall.

105 ANDRE THE ICE-CREAM MAN (OFF, IN - SINGING)
My name is Andre! Andre Glacier! The sweetheart matchmaker! With one scoop or two, I'll find love for you, with magical ice-cream flavors!

Cat Noir and Marinette dance all the way to Andre's cart, laughing. The ice-cream man is surprised to see them here.

106 ANDRE THE ICE-CREAM MAN (CONT'D)
Why, Marinette and Cat Noir! What are you two doing here, my little friends?

107 CAT NOIR
We're here for ice-cream of course! (winking at Marinette) Unless you're selling hotdogs now? *

Marinette giggles. They both laugh at his joke like little kids.

108 ANDRE THE ICE-CREAM MAN
That's a good one, Cat Noir! But I make Sweethearts' ice cream, not Jokers-and-Good-Friends' ice cream!

With his scoop, Andre points at pictures of famous couples on the side of his cart.

109 ANDRE THE ICE-CREAM MAN (CONT'D)
Look, who do you see there – next to Jeanne and Serge, and Olive and Tom? Ladybug and Cat Noir! Their flavor is blueberry and strawberry! And it's one of my classics! Love is a serious thing, it's not something you joke about.

Cat Noir and Marinette look at him without understanding. Andre points at them in turns with his scoop.

110 ANDRE THE ICE-CREAM MAN (CONT'D)
You, Cat Noir, are in love with Ladybug! And you, Marinette, are supposed to be in love with Adrien Agreste!

111 MARINETTE AND CAT NOIR
(together)
Uh... no!

There's a sudden silence. Surprised by their mutual answers, they turn to each other, dumbfounded.

This double revelation comes as a shock. The music dissolves into muddy echoes as they both get absorbed in their own emotions.

Marinette staggers under the blow, losing her smile. Cat Noir staggers under the blow, losing his smile.

Devastated by what they've just realized, they turn to Andre — he's devastated too.

112 MARINETTE
(weakly)
Forget it, Andre, we'll do without the ice cream.

13 **EXT. ILE AUX CYGNES / BY THE WATER - NIGHT**

Marinette and Cat Noir are sitting by the waterside, staring into emptiness. They avoid looking at each other.

113 CAT NOIR
You were in love with Adrien Agreste?

114 MARINETTE (LOST IN THOUGHT)
Yes. But it just made me act in the worst ways. It was too much to bear.

She gives Cat Noir a sidelong glance.

115 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
What about you? You're no longer in love with Ladybug?

116 CAT NOIR
No. It was too much to bear. It just made me act in the worst ways.

A beat... Marinette smiles sadly.

117 MARINETTE
At least you still have your fans.

118 CAT NOIR (SADLY)
Maybe they wouldn't be such big fans if they knew who was really behind the mask.

Marinette moves closer to him.

119 MARINETTE
I'm fine with the mask. I don't care what's underneath.

Surprised, Cat Noir half-turns towards her.

120 CAT NOIR
Wow... so you're really a fan?

121 MARINETTE
A super super fan.

They're staring at each other now. Their faces get irresistibly closer.

122 CAT NOIR
Fan as in...

123 MARINETTE
Fan as in... ready to do this.

Gathering her courage, she kisses him on the cheek, blushing. Cat Noir blushes underneath the mask.

124 CAT NOIR
Ohhh... this?

Marinette feels exhilarated:

125 MARINETTE
Yes. Even this.

She kisses him on the nose.

With burning eyes, Cat Noir asks:

126 CAT NOIR
What about... this?

He slowly kisses her on the corner of her lips. She closes her eyes. He pulls his head back. She opens her eyes. They stare at each other, only inches apart from one another.

And they kiss.

But Cat Noir suddenly opens his eyes, looking troubled. He pulls his head back. Marinette opens her eyes in turn.

He's looking at her with a troubled expression. She closes her eyes again and leans in for another kiss. He stops her.

127 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
Wait, wait... What are we doing? This is... too weird. We-- I mean *I'm* being a complete fool!!!

128 MARINETTE
No you're not, you're great!

129 CAT NOIR
No! I know who you are, but you don't know who I really am, and I'm taking advantage of you being a fan by kissing you!

130 MARINETTE
No you're not!

131 CAT NOIR
I am. And it's wrong!

A beat - Marinette bursts out in anger.

132 MARINETTE
Gaaaah! I'm sick and tired of other people deciding what's good for me!!

Cat Noir gets to his feet.

133 CAT NOIR
I'm taking you home.

He extends his staff. But Marinette gets to her feet, furious, clenching her fists, with tears in her eyes. She tears the flower from her hair and crushes it in her fist.

134 MARINETTE
Sick. I'm SICK OF IT!!! Why can't I be happy? Why can't I love whoever I want to love?!

135 CAT NOIR
You can. I can't. Not like this.

14 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR**

The iris opens. In his lair, Monarch senses Marinette's distress.

136 MONARCH
A tender-hearted fan rejected by her idol and wounded by her pride? Now here's a date my Megakuma wouldn't miss for the world!

In their techno-magical cages, the kwamis are horrified...

137 LONGG
Does your cruelty know no bounds?!

138 MONARCH
Silence, kwami!

139 DAIZZI
You're a real meani--

With a gesture of his ringed hands, Monarch magically reduces the kwamis to silence. Then he approaches Kaalki's cage and draws the magical essence of the kwami into one of the rings.

140 MONARCH
Kaalki, your power is now mine!

The symbol of the power of Migration - voyage - is displayed on the super villain's costume. He opens a portal and then...

141 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Voyage, my Megakuma. Make this jilted lover dance the tango of broken romances!

The megakuma disappears into the portal.

15 **EXT. ILE AUX CYGNES / BY THE WATER - NIGHT**

The portal opens behind Marinette’s back and the Megakuma enters the flower she’s thrown away. She instantly gets in contact with... Monarch.

In front of her, Cat Noir understands what's going on....

142 CAT NOIR
Marinette! No! Resist! You have to resist!

But all Marinette can hear is Monarch’s voice.

143 MONARCH (O.S.)
Unmasker, I am Monarch. If you knew who was hiding behind the mask of your idol, he wouldn't have any reason to reject you, would he?

144 MARINETTE (ENTRANCED)
That's true...

145 CAT NOIR
No! Please! Don't listen! Don't listen to him!

But Marinette doesn't hear him -- she's "somewhere else"...

INSERT on MONARCH's cruel smile.

146 MONARCH
I am giving you the power to see what's behind any mask! All I want in return is Ladybug's and Cat Noir's Miraculous!

BACK on Marinette, losing control. Her fingers slowly move towards her earrings... Just then, Cat Noir, feeling guilty, grabs Marinette's shoulders:

147 CAT NOIR
Marinette! Kiss me!

Marinette opens her eyes, suddenly free from Monarch, and kisses him. The Megakuma flies out of the flower... Cat Noir wants to destroy it...

148 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
Catac--

... but Monarch opens a portal through which it disappears. Cat Noir turns towards Marinette, distraught.

149 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
I'm sorry! I shouldn't have kissed you again! But you weren't hearing me! I was just trying to help you. To save you! That wasn't a love kiss! It was... Arghh!! I'm just making it worse!

150 MARINETTE
I was almost akumatized? You're right then: we're BOTH being totally foolish!

Cat Noir leads Marinette to a beach hut on the island.

151 CAT NOIR
Stay here. Until Ladybug has captured Monarch's Megakuma, it's too dangerous. I'll come back for you!

Cat Noir closes the beach hut door.

We stay inside with Marinette. She pulls out her phone and sees that Alya's left her...

152 MARINETTE
37 voicemails?!? Oh Alya! (she calls, then) Alya, it's me! I'm sorry, you were right, loving Cat Noir was a terrible idea!

INSERT on Tikki and Alya, in Marinette's room.

153 ALYA
Where are you?

154 MARINETTE (OFF, ON PHONE)
At the Île aux Cygnes. I need Tikki! Quick!

Tikki quickly disappears through the wall.

16 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR**

In his lair, Monarch senses another negative emotion.

155 MONARCH
It seems I underestimated the power of desire... but I can already feel another negative emotion. And it belongs to an old acquaintance...

17 **EXT. ILE AUX CYGNES - NIGHT**

Indeed, on the Île aux Cygnes, Andre the Ice-Cream Man is lamenting in front of the picture of Ladybug and Cat Noir on his tricycle.

156 ANDRE THE ICE-CREAM MAN
This can't be! Ladybug and Cat Noir should be in love! My magical flavors of ice cream are never wrong! And the same goes for Marinette and Adrien!

The portal opens and the Megakuma enters the sweethearts' glacier's ice cream scoop.

157 MONARCH (O.S.)
Glaciator, I am Monarch! Somebody dared to doubt the magic of your ice cream? Well, I am giving you back your super villain powers! So you can prove to everyone that your ice cream is right!

INSERT on MONARCH charging one of his rings with the power of the Miraculous of the Tiger, as he keeps talking.

158 MONARCH (CONT'D)
This time, in addition to your power, I will entrust you with the essence of the Miraculous of Elation...

Roarr struggles in vain – his essence is ruthlessly stolen from her.

159 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Transfer!

BACK on Andre and INSERT inside his Alliance ring, where an electronic component glows with a purple FX (power of the Miraculous of the Tiger).

160 MONARCH (CONT'D)
From now on every scoop of your ice cream will have the same destructive power as the Tiger's Clout: one blow will be enough to put a superhero out of action! All I ask for in return are...

161 ANDRE THE ICE-CREAM MAN
... Ladybug and Cat Noir's Miraculous. I know this tune. But first, since Marinette destroyed my faith in love and ice cream, I'm going to turn her life into a melted mess!

Andre transforms into GLACIATOR.

18 **EXT. PARIS / VARIOUS - NIGHT**

- Glaciator towers above the buildings and shouts out his challenge:

162 GLACIATOR
MAAAAARINNEEEETTTTTE!!!

- Cat Noir hears him and goes to meet him.

- Hidden in the beach hut, Marinette has heard him too. But there's nothing she can do until Tikki finds her.

- Tikki rushes through the streets of Paris

- Cat Noir lands on a rooftop and whistles to get Glaciator's attention.

163 CAT NOIR
(singing)
I'm the great, the handsome, Cat Noir! I'm a hero, I'm a star!
Against me, villains always fall!
I'm gonna... I'm gonna...

Cat Noir can't find a rhyme. Glaciator suggest:

164 GLACIATOR
Get scooped and crushed into a ball?

165 CAT NOIR
(sincerely appreciative)
Hmm... not bad at all!

But Glaciator fires a scoop of ice cream charged with the power of the Tiger (purple FX).

Cat Noir widens his eyes and dives just in time. The blast sends him flying like a wisp of straw.

166 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
Ok, I get it, you don't want to sing with me!

19 **EXT. ILE AUX CYGNES - NIGHT**

From her hiding place, Marinette has heard the huge explosion. More explosions follow closely.

167 MARINETTE
(worried)
Quick, Tikki, please hurry.

INSERT - Tikki is going as fast as she can, going through every obstacle in her path. A child sees her and wants to show her to her mother, but when she looks up, Tikki is already gone...

20 **EXT. PARIS ROOFTOP - NIGHT**

Popping up by surprise from behind garbage cans, Cat Noir deals Glaciator a masterful blow. He lands on his feet, twirling his staff with style!

But his weapon just went through the villain's ice-cream coating without hurting him. Glaciator retaliates.

168 GLACIATOR
Get back in that garbage, you ugly fleabag!

The blast disintegrates his hiding place and Cat Noir is thrown away. He takes shelter behind the corner of a building.

169 GLACIATOR (CONT'D)
MAAAAARIIIIINEEEETTE!!!!

Powerless, Cat Noir watches, horrified, as the villain heads straight for... the Dupain Cheng Bakery!

21 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - NIGHT**

In Marinette's room, Alya can hear:

170 GLACIATOR (O.S.)
Ladybug and Cat Noir are made for each other and nobody has the right to come between them!

She looks out the window and, horrified, sees Glaciator aiming at the bakery.

171 GLACIATOR (CONT'D)
You ruined the magic of my ice cream, Marinette! Here's a double scoop for you - ruin and destruction!

Alya panics and runs away through the patio.

22 **INT. DUPAIN CHENG BAKERY - NIGHT**

Cat Noir bursts into the bakery and drags Marinette's parents with him.

172 CAT NOIR
YOU HAVE TO GET OUT, NOW!!!

The bakery is blown to smithereens by a scoop of ice cream!

23 **EXT. ILE AUX CYGNES - NIGHT**

The explosion shakes Paris all the way to the Île aux Cygnes. Frightened, Marinette finally spots Tikki arriving in her beach hut.

173 MARINETTE
Oh Tikki, this is all my fault!

174 TIKKI
I'm sure you're going to make everything all right, Marinette!

Quick hug...

24 **EXT. RUINS OF THE DUPAIN CHENG BAKERY - NIGHT**

Cat Noir puts Tom and Sabine to safety behind the rubble. Their building was literally blown away.

175 CAT NOIR
Stay hidden!

He goes back to fight Glaciator.

25 **EXT. ILE AUX CYGNES - NIGHT**

176 MARINETTE
Tikki, spots on!

Marinette transforms into Ladybug.

26 **EXT. RUINS OF THE DUPAIN CHENG BAKERY - NIGHT**

An ice-cream scoop explodes in purple and knocks Cat Noir to the ground. This time he's out of action, moaning softly.

177 CAT NOIR (SINGING)
I am the brave Cat Noir... That one's gonna leave a scar...

Triumphant, Glaciator walks up to him. Their fight has literally devastated the neighborhood. All that's left is rubble. A huge fire has broken out.

INSERT on Monarch urging his champion on:

178 MONARCH
Do it, Glaciator! Take his Miraculous!

BACK TO Glaciator, who leans over Cat Noir, too weak to defend himself. The villain suddenly realizes that... he doesn’t have hands! (His arms end in big ice-cream scoops.) Cat Noir manages to smile.

179 CAT NOIR (SINGING, WEAKLY)
... doesn't matter if you're enormous! No hands mean no Miraculous!

180 GLACIATOR
That's what you think, you naughty kitty!

Andre's hand appears underneath Glaciator's ice cream coating, slowly reaching out to Cat Noir’s Alliance. He can't defend himself. When suddenly...

181 ALYA (OFF, IN)
Hey!!! Who are you to decide for others whom they're allowed to love or not?! That's none of your business!!!

Alya appears, armed with a broom and a garbage can lid.

182 ALYA (CONT'D)
If Marinette wants to have ice cream with Cat Noir, that's her perogative! And if you don't know what flavor to serve her, how about I'm-Free-To-Make-My-Own-Choices with a touch of Mind-Your-Own-Beeswax!?

Glaciator is left speechless for a beat.

Just then Ladybug lands on the rooftop of a building and sees the extent of the wreckage of her life by the super-villain. She also sees that her friend hasn’t hesitated to defy the villain in order to protect not only Cat Noir, but her right - as Marinette - to love whoever she wants to love.

The two friends smile at each other.

But Glaciator takes advantage of it to fire an ice-cream scoop at Alya, who is sent flying into the background.

183 LADYBUG
Alyaaaaa!!!

Ladybug can’t help her until she’s defeated Glaciator. Luckily, Alya’s intervention's given Cat Noir time to crawl to safety. Ladybug joins him.

184 GLACIATOR (O.S.)
Ladybug, Cat Noir! Listen to me! Starting with you, Cat Noir. You need to be in love with Ladybug, not Marinette!

Ladybug glances at Cat Noir — he forces himself to smile, running a hand through his hair, embarrassed.

185 GLACIATOR (CONT'D)
Maybe what actually keeps you from loving each other are your Miraculous!

Glaciator seeks them out among the smoking ruins, ready to fire.

186 GLACIATOR (CONT'D)
Without them, you would no longer be superheroes! You wouldn't have to defend Paris! You'd be free! Free to be happy and in love!

BACK ON our heroes, pondering Glaciator’s words.

187 GLACIATOR (CONT'D)
Happiness is within your reach! All you have to do is lose!

Ladybug looks at Cat Noir...

188 LADYBUG
Are you really in love with this Marinette?

189 CAT NOIR
Uh... it's complicated...

190 LADYBUG
(trying to hide her feelings)
But it's clear you no longer have feelings for me.

191 CAT NOIR
That's not quite true, M'Lady. Let's just say my feelings have changed, and I still love you, but as a friend.

He holds out a fist.

192 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
If that’s ok!

She waits for a beat... and then pounds it.

193 LADYBUG
Friends.

194 CAT NOIR
Friends.

INSERT ON MONARCH, who tells Glaciator:

195 MONARCH
Not this way! They're hiding behind that building!

196 LADYBUG
Lucky Charm!

She gets a giant parasol, like the ones on the Ile aux Cygnes.

197 CAT NOIR
Parasols and ice cream go nicely together!

Ladybug looks around and establishes a connection between: Glaciator, Cat Noir, the parasol, two posts, her yoyo and the flames of the fire.

198 LADYBUG
I know what to do, kitten. You're just gonna have to trust me.

199 CAT NOIR
Always.

EXT - RUINS OF THE BAKERY / FIRE - NIGHT

Cat Noir, from a distance, comes to challenge Glaciator.

200 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
Glaciator? You win! I'll give you my Miraculous. (Pretending to take it off) Oh, well would you look at that, my finger's stuck... must have gotten bigger... from all the ice cream!

A wary Glaciator starts to approach.

Behind the villain, on the roof of a building located beyond the flames of the fire, Ladybug appears and throws the parasol, like a huge harpoon, attached to the string of her yo-yo.

The projectile crosses the layer of ice cream that covers Glaciator without hurting him (just like Cat Noir's staff earlier), comes out on the other side of the supervillain and then opens like a parachute.

201 GLACIATOR
What's going on? I can't see anything!

Cat Noir goes to Ladybug to help her pull on the string of the yo-yo. The parasol drags Glaciator towards the fire.

202 GLACIATOR (CONT'D)
Stop! What are you doing? You're melting my butt! You can't do that!

The heat melts the villain's ice-cream buttocks, revealing the akumatized Andre inside.

203 GLACIATOR (CONT'D)
Aaaah! I'm melting! I'm melting! That's not fair!

As soon as Andre is visible, Cat Noir throws his staff, breaking the ice cream scoop, releasing the megakuma.

204 LADYBUG
No more evil-doing for you, Mégakuma / Time to de-evilize / Gotcha!

Ladybug captures the big Megakuma and then releases the little white butterfly.

205 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Bye bye little butterfly.

Ladybug and Cat Noir bump fists.

206 LADYBUG / CAT NOIR
Pound it!

Andre the Ice-Cream Man, sheepish, understands what happened.

207 ANDRE THE ICE-CREAM MAN
Ladybug? Cat Noir? Was I akumatized again?

Ladybug and Cat Noir nod in unison.

208 ANDRE THE ICE-CREAM MAN (CONT'D)
I'm sorry! It's just that you make such a beautiful couple! But oh well, I guess love is more complicated than serving delicious ice cream. And more importantly, it's a personal choice!
(MORE)

ANDRE THE ICE-CREAM MAN (CONT'D)
I was wrong, but I'm okay with that; what matters is that you're happy.

Ladybug gives Andre a Magical Charm.

209 LADYBUG
Here's a Magical Charm, Andre. I don't know if it will be enough to keep you from being akumatized again, but...

210 ANDRE THE ICE-CREAM MAN
...but it's worth a try! Thank you Ladybug.

Ladybug throws the lucky-charm parasol in the air.

211 LADYBUG
Miraculous Ladybug!

The magic ladybugs fix everything. Marinette's building is repaired, the fire disappears. Alya meets Tom and Sabine and reassures them:

212 ALYA
Don't worry, Marinette's fine! She got out of the building in time!

Then she spots Cat Noir - and discreetly winks at Ladybug to make her understand that she is playing for time.

213 ALYA (CONT'D)
Cat Noir, speaking of time, you got a minute for a Ladyblog interview?

Cat Noir looks at his flashing ring. Two pads left. He can't resist it.

214 CAT NOIR
All right, but we gotta make it quick, ok?

Ladybug takes the opportunity to slip away quietly.

27 **EXT. ILE AUX CYGNES - NIGHT**

Thus, when Cat Noir returns to the beach hut, he finds Marinette inside.

215 CAT NOIR
Marinette! Is everything okay? Sorry I was... held back!

Marinette acts relieved.

216 MARINETTE
I'm all right! I wasn't scared! For you or for myself! I knew we could count on Ladybug! And on you of course!

28 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR**

In his lair, Monarch broods over his defeat. Il se gratte le bras et remonte sa manche. Une marque noire s'y trouve. Il grimace, puis : *

217 MONARCH
Ladybug, Cat Noir, the prospect of giving up your Miraculous to experience love left you cold. And yet now I've discovered a burning secret.

The super villain turns to the captive kwamis.

218 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Cat Noir has feelings for Marinette Dupain Cheng. I don't know to what extent, but they exist. And they're a weakness that I intend to exploit... and put an end to Ladybug!

A worried look passes between the kwamis.

29 **EXT. MARINETTE'S PATIO - NIGHT**

Cat Noir drops Marinette on her patio.

219 CAT NOIR
I'm sorry about what happened, Marinette. You're right, you have the right to love anyone you want, even a superhero.

Cat Noir turns away, avoiding her gaze.

220 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
But it's easy for a person to mistake idolization of a superhero for love. So even if I like this person very much, I could be taking advantage of the situation, and I just can't risk that...it would be wrong.

221 MARINETTE
But if *I* want you to kiss me...

222 CAT NOIR
That's your right, Marinette. And besides, I get where you're coming from. I mean, if I were you, I'd be a fan of me. And I'd want to kiss me all the time.

He pretends to kiss his own hand. Marinette can't help but laugh (and us too along with her!)

223 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
But the me that's really me, next to the me that's a fan of me, well... if he kisses you, that's... GAAAAH I'll never make myself understood!!!!

Seeing his embarrassment, Marinette bursts out laughing, then...

224 MARINETTE
I get it. Don't worry. And I also get that you're a really good person.

They hug - like friends. Cat Noir leaves. Marinette sighs. Tikki comes and sits next to her silently.

225 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Do you think some day a boy will love me?

Tikki gives her a hug to comfort her.

30 **INT. ADRIEN'S ROOM - NIGHT**

Cat Noir goes home and transforms back. Adrien is melancholy. He feeds Plagg sadly.

226 PLAGG
Why the sad face, Adrien? All's well that ends well.

227 ADRIEN (SIGHS)
I can't love Marinette as Cat Noir. And well, she doesn't love me as Adrien anymore...

228 PLAGG
What you loved once, you can love again. Look, for centuries, I neglected the baked cheeses I used to love and now...

Adrien's face lights up.

229 ADRIEN
... You love them again! Plagg, that means Marinette could fall for me again someday! Oh thank you! You're the best!

230 PLAGG
I know. (He licks his fingers, then) Can I have some more?

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